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### **Preparations Begin for Northwoods Residents to Return Home**

MAYFLOWER, AR – The Unified Command will be initiating a reentry plan for the evacuated residents in the Northwoods subdivision to safely return to their homes over the next few weeks.

“One month following the spill, we have made significant progress with our recovery efforts in the Northwoods neighborhood and are hopeful we can begin to get residents back into their homes very soon,” said Faulkner County Judge Allen Dodson. “We regret that they have been displaced for so long, but we are doing our best to ensure the job is done right and done safely – something that we cannot sacrifice for the sake of expediency.”

Currently, storm drain replacement is taking place on North Starlite Road, including repairing the street and replacing curbs. Once this is done, replacement of trees and landscaping the homes impacted by the cleanup can begin. Evacuated residents are given updated progress reports on a continuous basis.

The reentry plan includes step-by-step activities that evacuated residents should complete inside their homes to prepare for air monitoring and sampling that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and ExxonMobil will conduct. Final recommendations for reentry will be based on analysis of the results and coordinated by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

Additionally, ExxonMobil continues to honor all valid claims. Any resident that has been impacted by the spill should contact the claims hotline at 1-800-876-9291.

In the cove, heavy debris removal is almost complete. Any remaining visible oil is being cleaned up by work crews. Specific sections of the recovery sites will soon transition to remediation and restoration after thorough inspections by EPA, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Faulkner County Judge Dodson. The majority of freestanding oil has been cleaned up.

For 28 consecutive days, data from the air monitors in the Mayflower community have shown levels that are either non-detect or below action levels established by ADH. Ongoing air quality monitoring is being conducted by ExxonMobil.

Based on an analysis of all samples taken to date, ADEQ and ExxonMobil have no evidence upon which to conclude that oil from the spill has reached the main body of Lake Conway or Palarm Creek. All air and water data are posted on the ADEQ website at [www.adeq.state.ar.us](http://www.adeq.state.ar.us).



**Caption:** As cleanup activities near completion at the site of the incident, the Unified Command will be initiating a reentry plan for the evacuated residents in the Northwoods subdivision to safely return to their homes over the next few weeks.



**Caption:** Cleanup continues in the marsh area between the interstate highway and the cove adjacent to Lake Conway. This activity is being done with input from EPA, ADEQ and Faulkner County Judge Dodson. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission continues to audit and respond to wildlife impacts. Once this is complete, restoration of the area can begin.